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Senate sets stiffer penalties for forged state IDs

LANSING – Criminals who forge state ID cards would be subject to the same penalties as those who forge drivers' licenses under legislation passed today by the Michigan Senate.

"Forging state IDs is just as serious as forging drivers' licenses," said McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, a package sponsor. "The crimes should be treated equally and this bill achieves that."

Under current law, penalties for forging drivers' licenses generally are more severe than for state ID cards. Senate Bills 912 and 913 correct this situation.

"Making the penalties for these very similar crimes match is just common sense," said Sen. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond Twp., a package sponsor. "These bills bring the penalties for these nearly identical crimes onto par with each other."

The bills now go before the House for consideration.

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